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It looks like Microsoft has bought themselves a Justice Dept. I understand the pragmatics of politics, but you people swear an oath to serve the citizens of this country. Turning a blind eye to Microsoft's predatory pricing policies and anti-competitive practices and, even worse, believing that they'll actually abide by their public statements, is ludicrous and I have to tell you that the respect I held for the USDOJ is completely dissipated. What's more, I know that many of you agree with me (I've only recently moved from Washington, DC) but choose to violate your oaths and completely reverse yourselves on their criminality. I understand that politicians must roam as the winds of social change blow, but that's the rationale for having civil servants swear an oath.

Oh, and if anyone there has the temerity to float an economic rationale for the USDOJ's decision, don't bother. I've spent the better part of the past decade trying to deal with the problems that Microsoft's technology invariably brings, but I've never doubted their ability to turn a profit. So, shed no tears for Microsoft ... shed them instead for the respect and integrity you once held, and have now squandered.

Finally, I know how easy it is for a civil servant to distance themselves from such things but, in my opinion, everyone at the DOJ deserves a share of the shame ...

So, shame on you all...

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